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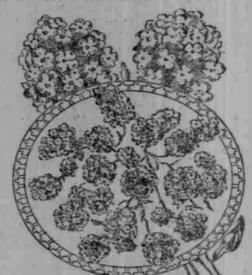
Honey-Scented Sweet Alyssum and Its Possibilities.

It Is a Comfort in the House and a Delight Out of Doors-Convenient and Effective Ways of Growing the Plant.

Could I have but one plant either for the border or the window garden it should be that dainty, honey-scented little darling, sweet alyssum, says Dart Fairthorn in Vick's Magazine. Small of growth and bloom, by those who never see beauty except in dazzle it might be considered insignificant, but to the real flower-lover who will not be entirely given over to scarlet geraniums and hollyhocks it possesses a beauty all its own. There is such a distinct individuality about its dainty blossoms, such an air of good cheer and comfortable adaptability to circumstances-entirely borne out, too, by its life—such a winsome sprightli-ness and altogether lovableness that it always reminds me of bright-faced children whenever I see it.

It is the laugh of the flowers. Some of them preach and some of them pray, but the sweet alyssum laughs "right out loud." The whole border may preach, the lilies droop their lovely heads, "like penitents in prayer," the callas lift their snowy chalices in mute protest against the whole world's wickedness and the impurity of earth generally; but the sweet little alyssum -nothing daunted by the sermonizing of statelier flowers-will run riot over the ground, screening its impurities from sight, filling in chinks with its beauty, caressing the feet of roses and rue alike, and seeming to my errant fancy to be keeping up a running accompaniment of cheerful comment or an undercurrent of perpetual merri-ment all the while. Like childhood it is irrepressible.

The seed of the sweet alyssum, not so fine as to be difficult to manage, is flat and round, of a light brown or tan color, and stored full of vitality. Plant twenty-five of them in a fine sandy loam, and with ordinary treatment you may be reasonably sure of as many plants, each one of which will be of interest from the first moment it



SWEET ALYSSUM IN A HANGING BASKET. sends up its initial four trim, pretty, light green leaves. When once these are thriftily growing you may be almost sure of your plant.

I like to sow the seed in boxes in the house; it is so very interesting to watch them grow, . It takes such a very little time for the seeds to poke their little green promise above the soil, and so very soon the smiling blooms appear. It is a good plant for the amateur to begin with, being such slight tax on the patience, as few plants admit. When your tiny plants are two inches high transplant into thumbs and pinch out the top. Going on with the growth, continue the shifting and pinching processes until they are in four-inch pots, then desist; you will have finelyrounded compact little plants which will soon be perfect little pyramids of fragrant blooms.

A convenient and effective way of growing the alyssum is to sow the seed directly in long narrow boxes fitted to the window sill and about four inches deep. Its needs, grown thus, will be light, moisture, not too hot a sunshine, very occasionally weak liquid manure and-room to spread itself. Given these, it will more than reward you for your care of it by sending out, surprisingly soon, a munifi-cence of dainty bloom, small and shyly at first, as though half afraid of its first impression upon you, but waxing stronger and stronger, and sweeter and sweeter, until you grow to love it in the heartwhole way its winsomeness deserves. The seed may be sown directly in the border where it is to bloom or it may be transplanted with perfect ease. Sown thickly, it makes a beautiful edging plant or a distinct line in a ribbon bed. But do not let it grow too rankly, keep it trimmed and pinehed in, and in place, and if after awhile it is going too much to seed shear it back sharply. It will then spring up to a fresh growth and be all the lovelier for the seemingly rough treatment. Then in the autumn you will find around the larger plants the tiny four-leaved ones springing up which are just what you want in quantity for your window garden. A pretty effect is produced by growing the alyssum in clumps between taller plants. It will spread itself out like an oval mat and be a mass of bloom.

Sweet alyssum makes a beautiful bracket plant. It should then be pinched in less, rather allowed to grow in its natural wayward beauty, and though the branches attain no great length it is pretty in such a position.

Screws Should Be Soaped.

A woman was about to screw up a box preparatory to sending it by express. She went to the hardware shop to purchase the necessary implements, and received a valuable hint from the man who served her: "Soap the screws well," he said, "and they will go into the wood ten times as easily as they would without that."



"Well, of all the darn April fools I ever saw this one takes the pumpkin. They couldn't hang any sign on this rooster."

Willie-His last position was across the

The Professional Shopper.

I come from every part of town.
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And don't get home till seven.

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I price and sample everywhere, But make a purchase never,

On opening days I'm sure to be

In very highest feather. I'm always bound to go and see, No matter what the weather.

I price and sample day by day,

It is the keenest joy for me,
Where crowds are congregating,
To daily with the cierks and see
The other people waiting.

And when I can no longer stay,

The clerk's poor soul to harrow.

I tell him, "I'll not buy today,
But I'll come back tomorrow."

And easthly ties may sever,

Though years may come, and years may

Twill still be joy enough for me To just shop on forever. -Nixon Waterman in Chicago Journal.

As Good as Dead.

am told that you are not a widow, but a

He-What's this terrible thing I hear? 1

But make a purchase never, For clerks may come and fade away, But I'll shop on forever.

For clerks may frown, and clerks may

I'm after every bargain sale.
I watch each "flood" and "fire."
I go when "marked down" rates prevail
And likewise when they're higher.

From ribbons to pianes, But all I ever buy, alas! Is bonbons and bananas.

swear, But I'll shop on forever.

chair, face down .- Truth.

Pathetic.

A lady was had spent a great deal of time in trying to teach her servant girl to make a good drawn butter gravy, and who found no little scolding necessary to ac-complish it, called Bridget in to the dinner table one day and said severely:

"Bridget, this drawn butter gravy is ac tually bitter!" "Is that so, ma'am?" asked Bridget sor-

rowfully. "It is, Bridget. Now, how do you account for it?"

"I do' know, ma'am, but I do be thinkin, ma'am, that I dhropped a tear intil it?"-Youth's Companion.



"And do you find marriage so very ele "Extremely so. Since I have been mar-ried I have lived on the eighth floor,"-

He Loved Another.

"Oh, George, you love another!" Such were the words of a fair, pale girl as she clung to the arm of a tall, hundsome man in the dimly lighted parlor of her father's home. He was such a man as women love, and

this fair girl loved him. They had been sweethearts for months, and the day was approaching when their plighted truth was to be redeemed. Into her heart a doubt had come, and it had found expression in the opening words

ishly you talk! You know I do not.' "But you do, dear," she insisted. "I have been watching you, and I have seen it."

She gazed fondly into his handsome eyes laid her soft, white hand caressingly on his on his beautifully fitting coat began to stretch their necks.

"How silly of my little girl to say her Georgie loves another!" he smiled as he looked down into her sweet face. She shook her head no less doubtfully than before, "Come now," he conxed, "tell me who this person is I love more than I do vou."

She was silent. 'Tell me," he murmured, taking her in his arms.

"Yourself, George," she sighed hopeless ly, for she was onto her Georgie, and she up things readily knew that such a love was unchangeable Jones-Um-erfrom the cradle to the grave. It is a difficult matter, dear reader, for a

handsome man to be in love with anything else, and don't you forget it, especially if you are a woman.—Detroit Free Press.

A Familiar Domestic. Matilda Snowball is a typical colored lionaires club. Life. Judge Peterby of Austin, she remarked: "I knows we will git along wid each udder, bekase I'ze allers so familiar wid white folks."

Matilda was really not at all stuck up Mrs. Peterby put up with a good deal, but an incident occurred a few nights ago that resulted in Matilda being bundled out of the house. It occurred as follows: "Are you gwinter attend de deception a Gubner Hogg's mansion dis ebeninf'

asked Matilda "Yes, Matilda, I am one of the invited guests."

"I'ze so glad ter hear dat. You am gwine in yer kurredge, ain't yer?"

"Yes," replied Mrs. Peterby, somewhat mystified, "but why do you ask?" "De female colored order ob de Seben Myster'us Wise Vargins has been tendered a complimentary hop at Turner hall by de Dark Risin Sons of Liberty, and when yer come nome in yer kurridge yer kin stop at Turner hall and fetch me home wid yer."— Texas Siftings.

Steak All Right For Once.

cook has ruined this steak! One end is burned black, and the other end is raw. Husband (who came down early)-'Tisn't burned at all-just nice and brown, that's The other end is a little rare, but I

like it that way.
"Nonsense! I'll ring for the cook at once.

"Cook's sick." hen who broiled the steak!"

"I did."-New York Weekly.

What He Rested On.

Willie (just home from school and very much excited)—What do you think, pa? Johnny Smith, one of the big boys, had an argument with the teacher about a que His father-What position did he take?

married woman, with a husband still living -and yet you have engaged yourself to She-Don't let that worry you, my love. of this chapter.
"Darling," he said chidingly, "how fool-We will never meet him. He does not move in our set.—Puck. Sharp. A Killarney guide, taking a tourist about, scowled at a peasant who was star-"How could you?" he contended tenderly. "There is no one in all the world I love as I ing at him. do vou. 'You'll know me again if you meet me," said the guide. 'Not if you wash your face," answered rich brown hair and whispered her words of admiration into his willing ear, until he was so inflated with pride that the buttons

"Not if you wash your face," at the pensant.—Youth's Companion. Realizin . Ignorance. Pilgarlie-Wonder what's come over Flip-

He used to be fearfully conceited. Thought he knew everything. But he's

quite different lately.

Binkerton—Yes. His youngsters have begun tal-ing lessons in grammar and study it at home evenings.-Truth.

A Peculiarity. Jones-How does your new Chinese serv

Brown-He's very intelligent and picks Jones-Um-er-does he lay them down again?-Detroit Free Press.

Not a Great Traveler.

Cobble—I played poker recently where the limit was a cent and the ante a mill. Did you ever play such a small game? Stone—No. I never played at the Mil-

"Why not a woman?" Lady Henry Somerset rises to ask. She wants to know why women are never remembered in the distribution of decorations, peerages and so on.

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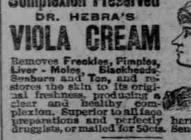
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